

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claim 14 has been cancelled and new claims 21 and 22 have been added. Claims 1-13 and 15-22 are pending and under consideration.

ITEM 7: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-11 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER DAHOD (U.S. PATENT 6,574,608) IN VIEW OF FANO (U.S. PATENT 6,317,718);

ITEM 8: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 12-14, 17 AND 19-20 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) BY FANO;

ITEM 9: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 15 AND 16 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) BY CORREIEA (U.S. PATENT 6,424,912); AND

ITEM 10: REJECTION OF CLAIM 18 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by MONDE (U.S. PATENT 6,356,839)

The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully incorporate by reference herein the distinctions over the references of record set forth in the Response filed April 19, 2004 to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003.

Regarding the rejections of Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12, Dahod does not disclose a search range related to a user. In the present invention, a home address and a proximal station name are registered to the member information database as the search range (see FIG. 2 and paragraph [0042] of the published U.S. patent application). Accordingly, the foregoing claims patentably distinguish over Dahod and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Regarding the foregoing rejection of claim 13, Fano does not disclose that when the user moves by a train (i.e., at a constant speed), information related to super markets and stations along a moving direction is excluded (paragraphs [0101] and [0102] of the published U.S. patent application).

Regarding the rejection of Claim 18, Dahod does not disclose that information available on foot is provided to a user terminal at a higher priority when the weather condition shows a fine day, and information available in a distance by a car, online shopping information, and delivery

service information is provided to the user terminal at a higher priority when the weather condition shows a rainy day (paragraph [0105]).

Accordingly, claim 18 is respectfully submitted to distinguish patentably over Dahod and the rejection thereof should be withdrawn.

PRIMA FACIE OBVIOUSNESS OF THE COMBINATION RELIED UPON IN THE REJECTION OF ITEM 7 HAS NOT BEEN SHOWN: MPEP 2142-2143.03

To the contrary of the requirements of the rules, the rejections rely solely on the contention of "it would have been obvious" to support the combination relied upon; no motivation in either reference has been identified as supporting the combination. Accordingly, the obviousness rejections are without basis should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims patentably distinguish over the references of record, taken singularly or in any proper combination and there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

There are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing(s) include changes to FIGS. 2 and 9. The sheets containing FIG. 2 and FIG. 9 replace the original sheets including FIGS. 2 and 9.

In FIG. 2, change "RIVERES" to - - RIVERS - -; and in FIG. 9, block 15₃, change "WETHER" to - - WEATHER".

For the convenience of the Examiner, an annotated sheet showing the changes made is attached. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.



FIG.2

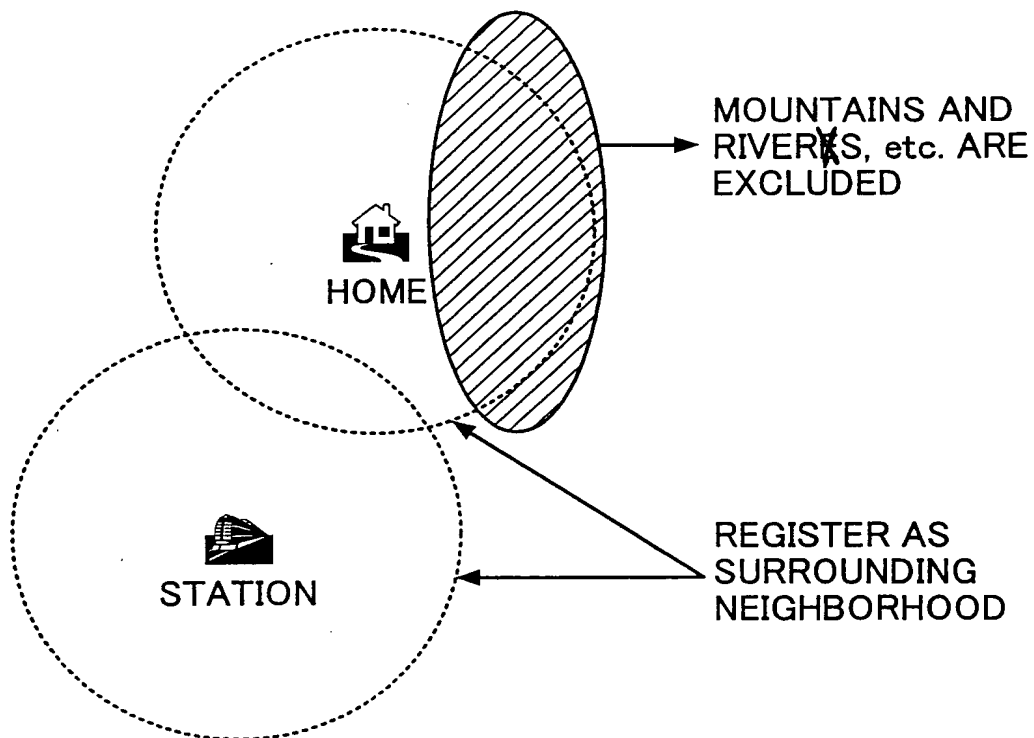




FIG. 9

